

these were owned and controlled by saloon-keepers. When attention was called to this, Ald. Baxter at once moved in the City Council that \$2,000 be appropriated for this work, and there are to-day over two hundred fountains in all parts of the city. The individual troughs for dogs now extensively used in the city were introduced by the society some years later.

SPECIAL OFFICER APPOINTED.

So many complaints of cruelty were received that it was soon found absolutely necessary to have a man specially appointed for the work of investigation. An appeal was made to the police commissioners for a constable to be set apart as humane officer, and the *Mail* of July 27, 1887, gave the following item concerning the proposition:

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY SECURES THE APPOINTMENT OF AN OFFICER FOR THAT WORK.

The Toronto Humane Society has succeeded in having a police constable appointed to look after cases of cruelty to animals exclusively. At a meeting of the society held a short time ago it was decided to have an inspector appointed, and the secretary was instructed to communicate with the chief constable and make a proposition that a man be detailed for that work. He did so, and received the following communication: